

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- The invention relates to an information handling system comprising a handheld device operable independently and having a first connector for external connection, wherein the handheld device functions in accordance with a first protocol and a second protocol; a first appendant device for the handheld device having a second connector for connecting to the first connector, wherein the first appendant device cooperates with the handheld device according to the first protocol inasmuch as the second connector is connected to the first connector;
- 5       and a second appendant device for the handheld device having a third connector for connecting to the first connector, wherein the second appendant device cooperates with the handheld device according to the second protocol inasmuch as the third connector is connected to the first connector; wherein the first connector has connector pins whose number is less than the number specified in
- 10      the first protocol for successful signal transmission between the handheld device and the first appendant device.
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